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**Lancaster Area Woman Convicted
of Abusing Her Dog**

A Lancaster area woman accused of injuring her pit bull mix dog – causing serious injuries to its head and eyes – pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lyle Riggs said Desiree Lenore Martinez, 41, pleaded to one felony count of cruelty to an animal.

Martinez is expected to be sentenced on June 4th in Department A20 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. At today's hearing, Judge Christopher Estes prohibited the defendant from having any animals for 10 years.

Martinez was arrested on Feb. 10 after her dog was found badly injured in a deserted area next to her home.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control provided medical treatment for the dog which has since been adopted. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station, investigated the case.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.